



**Government of Puerto Rico
Public Service Appellate Commission**

NOTICE OF REGULATORY ACTION

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the Government of Puerto Rico Organization Plan No.2 signed on July 26, 2010, and the Puerto Rico Administrative Procedures Act, Law No. 12 of August 12 1988, as amended, the Public Service Appellate Commission of Puerto Rico, hereby gives notice of intent, as follows:

1. To adopt new rules and regulations to be known as “Regulations of the Public Service Appellate Commission”; and
2. To abolish the following regulations:
 - a. pertaining to the rules and procedures for cases before the Puerto Rico Public Service Labor Relations Commission (“Comisión de Relaciones del Trabajo del Servicio Público (CRTSP)): Regulation No. 6385 of December 28, 2001, as amended by Regulation No. 7766 of October 30, 2009;
 - b. pertaining to the Appellate Commission for the Administration of Human Resources for the Public Service System (“Comisión Apelativa del Sistema de Administración de Recursos Humanos del Servicio Público” (CASARH)): Regulation No. 6983 of June 8, 2005 on Mediation; Regulation No. 7200 of August 15, 2006 on Labor Discrimination and Damages; and Regulation No. 7313 of March 7, 2007 on the Rules of Procedure before CASARH.

The purpose of the proposed regulatory action is to adopt the necessary rules and regulations to guarantee compliance with the aforementioned Reorganization Plan which creates the Public Service Appellate Commission of Puerto Rico (CASP), by merging the CRTSP and CASARH.

Among other things, the proposed action regulates the designation of hearing officers and/or investigators to perform the necessary functions for the adjudication of cases; establishes procedures and guidelines for the celebration of administrative hearings to be conducted by CASP; authorizes the imposition of fees for certain services, such as complaint filings, motions for extension of time, suspensions and others, such as photocopying of documents; as well as rules and procedures for conflict resolution cases, including mediation, arbitration and conciliation.

Interested parties may obtain copy of the proposed regulatory action (in Spanish), upon payment of a reasonable reproduction fee, in the Office of the Secretary of CASP, or by E-Mail.

Written comments to the proposed regulatory actions will be accepted within a thirty (30) day period from the date of publication of this notice in the newspaper, until 4:30 pm of the thirtieth day thereof, as follows:

(A) Written comments may be filed in person during working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Office of the Secretary of CASP, located at the address indicated below. When filing in person, if the last day to submit comments falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, it will be extended to the next workday;

(B) Written comments to the proposed regulatory action can be mailed to the mailing address indicated below. The envelope must be postmarked within the thirty (30) day period; and

(C) Written comments to the proposed regulatory action may be submitted by electronic mail, no later than 4:30 pm., of the 30th after the publication of this Notice.

Anyone interested in an oral hearing, must request the same by letter within the specified timeframes, as indicated above, stating the reasons why he/she considers an oral hearing necessary in lieu of submitting written comments.

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Note: This Notice was published on January 24, 2011.

The thirty (30) day period for submitting remarks as stated above ends on February 23, 2011 at 4:30 pm.